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March 5, 2012

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Clyde Durham
Engineer
Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Co
PO Box 10
Bayard, NM 88023

Ref: Air Quality Operating Permit Application Number P066-R2
TEMPO/Idea ID Number 526 - PRT20110002
Chino Mine

Dear Mr. Durham:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your operating permit application for the Chino Mine located in Section: 31, Range: 12W, Township: 18S, in Grant County, New Mexico. The Department received this application on May 16, 2011 with revised updates March 5, 2012 and assigned it number P066-R2.

The department has determined that the information submitted in the application is sufficient to process the requested operating permit. Therefore, this application is ruled complete on March 5, 2012.

Regardless of whether or not an application has been deemed to be complete, if the department determines that additional information is necessary to evaluate the application or to take final action, it may request such information in writing and set a reasonable deadline for a response.

In accordance with 20.2.70 NMAC, Section 402.A.1, within five (5) days from the date of receipt of this letter, the applicant shall provide a copy of the complete permit application (including the compliance plan and all additional materials submitted to the department) directly to EPA. EPA Region 6 requests you not send a paper copy, but a Compact Disk (CD) containing a searchable PDF of the word/excel application and scanned PDF maps, etc. Please verify accuracy and completeness of the enclosed 'Permit Transmittal Form' and attach two copies of the form to the application package and send to EPA Region-6 address given below:

Air Quality Operating Permit Number P066-R2

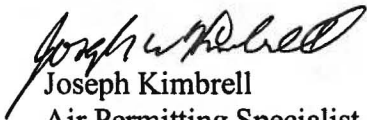
Chief, Air Permits
US EPA Region-6, 6PD-R
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Please note that we will not issue your operating permit until you inform the Department that you have sent the application package to EPA.

20.2.70 NMAC Section 401 requires the Department to provide thirty (30) days for public and affected programs comment. When the draft permit becomes available, the Department will publish a legal notice in a regional daily newspaper and mail letters to concerned citizens and affected programs to accomplish this purpose. The Department may hold a public hearing. The Department will determine the time, date, and place of any hearing and will give notice of the hearing to the applicant and the public.

If you have any questions, please call me in Santa Fe at 505-476-4347.

Sincerely,



Joseph Kimbrell
Air Permitting Specialist
Major Source Unit
Air Quality Bureau

Enclosure: 'Permit Transmittal Form'

cc: US EPA Region-6, 6PD-R via email (email PDF copy to r6airpermits@epa.gov)

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM
New Mexico Environment Department

~ Air Quality Bureau ~

(Two copies of this form must accompany operating permit application transmittal to US EPA)

PART A - Administrative Information

General Information:

Transmittal Date: March 5, 2012

Air Quality Bureau Permit Specialist: Joseph Kimbrell

Facility Name: Chino Mine

Facility Location - City: Hurley,

Facility Location - County: Grant

Facility Location - State: New Mexico 88043

State Operating Permit Number: P066-R2

Facility Primary SIC Code: 3331: Primary copper smelting and refining

Air Permit Contact Person: Clyde Durham

Air Permit Contact - Telephone: 575-912-4211

Air Permit Contact E-mail address: Clyde_Durham@fmi.com

Company Name: Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Co

Company Address: PO Box 10 Bayard, NM 88023

Distance from Facility to Nearest Class I Area: 35 km

Is the Facility Within 50 Miles of a Class I Area?: Yes, Class I - Gila Wilderness

Is the Facility Within 50 Miles of Indian Land?: No

Transmittal Description

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|---|------------------------|
| | New Permit |
| X | Renewal |
| | Modification |
| | Acid Rain Source (TIV) |

PART B - Technical Information

TV Regulated Pollutants

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|---|---|
| X | CO Source (COS) |
| X | TSP/PM-10 Source (PM ₁₀) |
| | VOC Source (VOC) |
| | 112(b) Pollutants (112B) |
| X | NO _x Source (NO _x) |
| | SO ₂ Source (SO ₂) |
| | Lead Source (Lead) |

Source Description

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| | PSD (PSD) |
| | Nonattainment Area (NNSR) |
| | Acid Rain Source (TIV) |
| | Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) |
| | Compliance Schedule (CSS) |
| | Federal Facility (FED) |
| | Combustion Source (CMBS) |

Regulatory Specifications

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| Units Subject to Enhanced Monitoring (40 CFR 64) (Number): |
| Applicable NSPS (60): Dc, GG, LL, OOO, IIII |
| Applicable NESHAP (61): |
| Applicable MACT (63): ZZZZ, CCCCCC |